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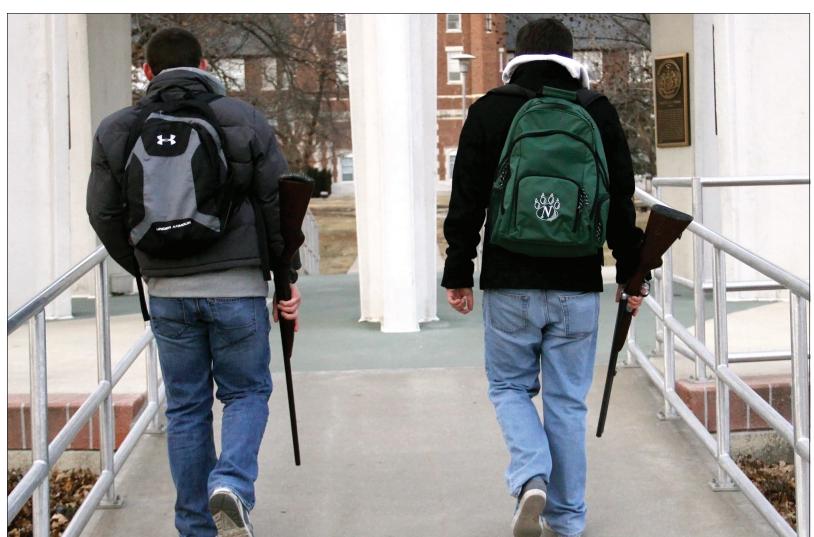


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The Missouri House of Representatives introduced HB 70, which would allow teachers with valid concealed carry permits to carry concealed firearms into higher education institutions. Missouri's Council on Public Higher Education is in opposition to the proposed bill.

# School shootings spark gun control debates

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Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

"There's nothing that prepares you for a moment like that. Nothing that can temper the fear, panic and worry. It was not a shooting just anywhere. It was our school."

This was Sarah Caron's firsthand account of the Sandy Hook Elementary School. There have been many first-hand accounts about this and other shootings, and more news about public shootings has sparked gun control debate in the nation's

'There's just a majority of people out there who think guns are not something everybody should own or have, which in some cases they are probably correct because we have other issues besides guns that we should be dealing with," said Duane Matheny, Barrels and Bullets owner

in Clarinda, Iowa.

After the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newton, Conn., The Missouri House of Representatives introduced HB 70. This

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## **ACES program** suffers due to lack of funds

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After not being approved for the Race to the Top grant, no new money for the Maryville School District means changes for the alternative school program offered by the Area Cooperative for Educational Support.

ACES offers an educational setting for students K-12 who are unable to succeed in a regular classroom due to behavioral difficulties, academic needs or other

special needs. "ACES has two component pieces to it right now," Assistant Superintendent Steve Klotz said. "One is a special education cooperative which has been in place since the 1970s that will continue to be in place as a cooperative venture between the 21 schools for special education support ser-

The alternative setting component will not continue through

"That will no longer be in place through the cooperative," Klotz said. "However, the Maryville School District will be operating its own alternative setting that will allow other schools in our area to pay a tuition-based payment."

At the Board of Education meeting on Oct. 17, 2012, a contingency plan was approved in the event of the grant not being approved. The plan called for a reduction of teaching staff.



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Editorial Projects in Education released its annual Quality Counts ranking.

## Missouri public schools reports low marks, rank 41st in country

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Missouri public schools received a grade most wouldn't want to take home to Mom and Dad.

The annual national report card released by Education Week Jan. 10 ranked Missouri's schools 41st with an overall grade of C.

The Quality Counts report is

published annually by the Editorial Projects in Education. The report examines factors such as elementary reading scores, high school graduation rates, college completion rates and funding issues such as per-student education spending.

While this grade is up slightly from last year's C-, the state's rank

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# University offers quarantine option during flu season

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In order to combat one of the worst flu seasons in recent memory, Northwest has decided to open an optional quarantine area for students who contract the influenza

The isolated area will be on the first floor of Douglas Hall, which is located inside North Complex.

'This area will serve as a comfortable living area for students with influenza to get healthy and move out quickly," said Meghan Davis, assistant director of Residential Life.

There are about 10-15 rooms available in Douglas Hall for students to live in if they choose to. Any student moving in will have his own room, but other options will be considered if rooms fill up quickly.

'We started doing this because the flu is an issue across the nation, and we wanted a safe area for



KAYLA MEPPELINK | NW MISSOURIAN The first floor of Douglas Hall has set aside 10-15 rooms for students who contract the influenza virus.

students to live if they're really sick. It's just a precaution, so we have the space if we need it," Davis said.

The University Wellness Center and Residential Life has stressed that students living on campus will

not be forced to live in the quarantine area if they happen to contract

## School remembers former teacher through heart health awareness

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Maryville High School and the American Heart Association plan to paint the town red on Feb. 1 in honor of heart disease and stroke awareness. The hounds will wear red for another reason.

Dale Kisker, math teacher and assistant girls' basketball coach, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Jan. 29, 2012, at the age of 51. His wife, Tammy, described him as a man of character.

"He wanted to set a good, godly example for the kids he taught," Tammy said. "He had a great sense of humor.

The high school sold T-shirts reading "and the beat goes on, in memory of Dale Kisker" on the back. Everyone is asked to wear their Tshirt or a red shirt on Feb. 1. The record board donated to MHS by the Kisker family will be dedicated to

Dale on this day.

Maryville will not be the only town donning red that Friday. The American Heart Association encourages the nation to wear red Feb. 1 in support of the fight against heart disease. For 10 years, the first Friday in February has been Wear Red Day to bring awareness to heart disease, strokes and heart disease in women. "We're hoping that, through the

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Executive Chef Bradley Jackson instructs the diabetics support group on cooking techniques for a diabetics seminar Thurs-

# Campus group supports diabetics

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Thanks to the University Wellness Center, anyone struggling with diabetes at Northwest has a relaxed environment to discuss living with the disease.

The diabetes support group was started in response to seeing many students with diabetes who appeared to not be in control of

"We thought it would be a good idea for students with diabetes to interact with each other to see if they could get some tips and suggestions for controlling the disease," said Judy Frueh, Wellness Center clinic supervisor.

The support group has partnered with area health professionals at St. Francis Hospital and Hy-Vee to provide education, but the group's main focus is to establish a comfortable environment for students to be honest and open when discussing their disease.

"Not everyone has to deal with giving themselves four injections a day, so people coming to this meeting can relate to others with the same problems as them," said sophomore Lauren Regan, who helped set up the meetings and get the word out about the support group.

For those who may not know, diabetes is a disease that causes the pancreas to have difficulties making insulin, which controls the blood glucose levels in the body. Diabetes can be categorized as Type 1 or Type 2.

Type 1 diabetics have a pancreas that does not make any insulin, while Type 2 diabetics just need help getting their pancreas to make insulin.

In addition to daily insulin injections, diabetics have to alter their diet to control their blood sugar, a task which may be difficult on a college campus.

"We all should eat like diabetics, planning frequent, small meals and controlling the amount of carbohydrates in each meal," Frueh said.

Along with the diabetes support group, University Wellness Services encourages students who want nutritional advice to make an appointment with Campus Dietician Shelby Wilmes.

# Northwest aims to improve Wi-Fi access

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Chief Reporter | @TheMissourian

Northwest will spend \$650,000 this school year to improve Wi-Fi connection across campus.

Like food and water, Wi-Fi has become a necessity and expectation among college students. As the demand for decent wireless Internet connection grows, officials understand the capacity must quickly catch up.

Center for Information Technology in Education Director Roger Von Holzen said the improvements will gradually "roll out" across campus.

"The priority is the academic buildings," Von Holzen said. "And the residence halls will be tackled as time permits. Our goal is to get most of it in place by, probably, spring break."

Students recognize good campus Wi-Fi as a crucial aspect for succeeding academically.

"I think it's really important for doing classwork and stuff,"

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sophomore Katie Greenwood said. "Getting on eCompanion can be really slow sometimes. It's just kind of annoying."

Greenwood said she also gets frustrated while loading YouTube videos required for class.

As it is now, students cannot rely solely on the Wi-Fi connection for their academics.

"I pretty much know when I have to turn a paper in through the Internet during a class, I should bring a hard copy just in case," sophomore Racheal Dobbins said.

Students, on average, connect more than one device to the network at a time. The new equipment will have a greater capacity to handle more devices. Von Holzen said the original setup allowed 30 devices per classroom. This capacity will no longer suf-

"The problem is a lot of students have their wireless notebooks, their phones, their tablets," Von Holzen said. "We found that "Internet has become a normal demand. It's just part of what you expect in life..."

Roger Von Holzen

more than 30 devices per room were trying to access the network, which made it difficult for students to connect."

Partial renovations began last semester. The University spent \$200,000 on Wi-Fi equipment improvement in October.

The University will spend an additional \$450,000 this semes-

"Students, well everyone, has gotten to the point where wireless Internet has become a normal demand," Von Holzen said. "It's just part of what you expect in life. We had to make sure it was provided at a level that would meet the needs of the students."

#### **Weekend Events** Friday, Jan 25

Bearcat Leadership Training J.W. Jones Student Union

Sigma Society Rush Week

Student Payday

Teens for Jeans J.W. Jones Student Union

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Week: Higher Learning 12:30 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student

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Missouri Academy Preview Day 9 a.m. at Garrett-Strong Science

Building

Northwest Wrestling Club at Grand View Open 9 a.m. at Des Moines, Iowa

Women's Basketball at Central Missouri

1:30 p.m. at Warrensburg, Mo.

Men's Basketball at Central

Missouri 3:30 p.m. at Warrensburg, Mo.

#### Sunday, Jan. 27

Valentine's Day Candy Grams

Night of Glory

6 p.m. at J.W. Jones Student

7 p.m. at Newman Catholic Center

# Administration looks to fill vice president seat

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Northwest announced Jan. 3 that Carol Wisecarver would fulfill the position of vice president of human resources; however, she later decided to decline the offer.

Out of several applicants, Wisecarver was chosen in part because of her experience in human resources management. The applicants for the position came to Northwest's all-employee meeting. Wisecarver was then hired for the position but changed her mind due to professional issues.

"This is at no fault to the University," she said. "I respect Dr. Jasinski and looked forward to working with him, but I had to work out the pros and cons of each position."

Wisecarver has served as a consultant for Novartis Consumer Health Inc. since March 2012. After accepting the offer for vice president of human resources in January, she was promoted to associate director of human resources at Novartis Consumer Health Inc. Wisecarver said she "would have been a fool to walk away from that deal (with Novartis.)"

Wisecarver said she has not been compensated for her training and time with Northwest, but was reimbursed once for travel from Omaha when she attended the allemployee meeting.

Northwest President John Ja-



CAROL WISECARVER

sinski said in a news letter to faculty, "I have been in touch with Search Committee Chair Cindy Kenkel, and we are exploring our next steps. This will remain a high priority, and I hope you will join me in thanking Clarence Green for, as usual, his unbelievable work and that of his

After Mary Throener retired July 2012, from the vice president of human resources position, Clarence Green took the role as interim vice president of human resources. He now continues in the role since Wisecarver returned to her previous

"Most of my experience is in law enforcement, but being within the head of any law enforcement... you are going to have human resources experience," Green said. "We do hiring, promotion, evaluation. So the head of any organization really should have (human resources) ex-



HANNAH JURGENSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Members of Kappa Sigma discuss their plans to bring their fraternity back to North-

## Fraternity aims for campus recognition

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Northwest could see a ninth fraternity in the near future.

Kappa Sigma needs 30 members to become a colony. The group has 25 members. The men anticipate they will reach 30 by Friday.

Many of the students in this anxious group strived for their entire college career to see the group come this close.

"We have been at it for quite a few years now," junior Dustin Whitehill said. "And we are determined to not give up on it."

The uprising fraternity will receive recognition from nationals when they meet the member requirement. They will proceed to apply for recognition from Interfraternity Council at Northwest.

Once Kappa Sigma gains recognition as a colony, they will start panning out the details to become a chartered fraternity.

"We're forming our bylaws, getting our officers, flushing out the committees," junior Greg Hayes said. "Basically flushing out what makes Northwest Kappa Sigmas the Northwest Kappa Sigmas, the group within the group."

The nation recognizes Kappa Sigma as one of the largest fraternities in the United States. The fraternity focuses on the four pillars of fellowship, leadership, scholarship and service.

Kappa Sigma needs 50 members to be chartered. Once it attains its charter, it can get a house and become a solid, established fraternity. The members of this enthusias-

tic group stress the significance this fraternity's success has to them. "For me, it's very important," ju-

nior Jacob Bearce said. "It's important because of the brotherhood and the connection with these guys." The men make it apparent that they value each other as much as

their enthusiastic quest to create something greater than themselves. 'These are some of the best friends I have on campus," Hayes said. "Regardless of whether or not we're recognized by nationals or by IFC, these are some of my best

The Kappa Sigma fraternity existed at Northwest until 2006. Nationals took its charter away when members broke national rules.

friends I've ever had. And I wouldn't

have known them otherwise."



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# Council to remain unchanged

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Maryville City Council will stay unchanged following the next election cycle, as councilmembers run unopposed.

Mayor Glenn Jonagan and Renee Riedel will sit alone on the ballot which heads to voters April 2.

"I suppose I'll spend less on campaigning this year," Jonagan

Mayor Jonagan said he expected around five or six applications and is not sure why both seats were unopposed.

"I'm not sure what it means," he said. "I don't know if folks said 'I'm happy with the candidates we have, and I don't want to run against them.' I don't think I'm very intimidating. I hope the perception is that the city is doing fine, and people are happy with how it's running; that's how I like to look at

Residents were given from Dec. 17 to Jan. 15 to apply.

City Clerk Sheila Smail said although no community members stepped forward to challenge the incumbents, residents still stay involved in other ways.

"People get involved pretty well," Smail said. "There are a lot of boards that they can be a part of, so there's several community members that do take an interest in the city."

Jonagan, who has lived in Maryville for 25 years, will begin his second term in April. He was first elected to the council in 2010.



GLEN JONAGAN

"We've got some talented people," Jonagan said. "Hands down, this is the best council I have served on; with this group of people, they are just pro-Maryville."

Riedel was appointed to council in May to finish former Councilman Chad Jackson's term. Jackson, who had served on the council for eight years, left last spring to relocate to a new job in San Anto-

"When Renee applied we had seven or eight candidates," Jonagan said. "I thought we'd have around those numbers this time as

Riedel has resided in Maryville since 2006 and owns Carson's Sports Grill on Main Street with her husband.

Smail said the council members have worked well together to accomplish things for the city.

"If anybody reads the newspaper or is in touch with what's going on around us, they'll see there's a lot being accomplished,"

RENEE RIEDEL

Smail said. "There are a lot of things on the horizon for the community.

Jonagan said he hopes the next three years will provide the time to accomplish projects already underway as well as begin new ventures for the city.

"I would like to see more development to the downtown area," Jonagan said. "It would cater more to college students, whether that is retail stores, malt shops or coffee shops; I don't know what it will attract. But I think when people hear they will have access to over 7,000 students, I think it will attract something."

On top of downtown development, Jonagan plans to work on the entire Main Street strip and polish some of the city's unattractive areas.

"We've got some eyesores here, and we need to get rid of them," Jonagan said. "I think Maryville is a jewel, and it should shine."

# **MODOT** redesignating roads for convenience

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The city of Maryville is working on a plan to decrease awkward traffic flow through town.

The city is working on a deal with the Missouri Department of Transportation to redesignate East First Street between Main and Depot Streets as Highway 46.

The purpose of the project is to fix Highway 46's awkward traffic jog through town. No official dates for the project have been planned, but City Manager Greg McDanel expects the project to be underway in 2014.

Highway 46 enters Maryville on the east side of First Street then heads north on Depot Street, then south on Third Street and finally gets back on First Street and heads west out of Maryville.

"It's a confusing jog for outof-town visitors," McDanel said. "Most people traveling in the community know that you could go straight through along First Street and get back on Highway 46, but many people traveling do

McDanel said he believes the zig-zag route was originally devised to avoid Maryville High School and to push traffic to Maryville's main business district, the downtown area.

Since the high school has relocated and development has

changed, this jog does not seem appropriate today, so we are going to try to work with MODOT to get those changes back to First Street," McDanel said.

The portion of First Street between Main and Depot streets will be overlain with new asphalt as part of the project.

This project comes at relatively little cost to the city. The city will provide \$38,874.50 in funds for a 12 foot parking area along First Street and \$7,774.90 for the rest of the project. MO-DOT will provide \$98,527 in

Maryville's funding for the project comes from Small Urban Funds, which requires the city to cover 20 percent of the funding and MODOT to cover 80 percent.

This would mean that maintenance responsibilities for certain sections of roads in Maryville would switch between the city and MODOT.

MODOT will remain responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the roads that make up Highway 46.

This means that the section of Third Street that is currently Highway 46 will transfer to the city's responsibility.

McDanel said residents living along the affected roads should not expect traffic to increase or decrease because of these chang-

# The Pub prepares for spring opening following year of reconstruction

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An end is in sight for the reconstruction of one of Maryville's favorite late-night hang outs.

As the community has watched the work of restructuring of The Pub for over a year now, rumors of opening dates and plans have surfaced all over town. But solid details or facts surrounding the building being complete inside or an opening date are still few and far between.

The building has passed inspection and is up to code, and the construction of the building is all fixed, at least the outer structure said Ben Roed, Maryville's building inspector.

"They are now working on putting everything back (inside)," Roed

As far as an opening date, the city has not heard anything official. But according to owner Jeff Zeller, The Pub is looking forward to a spring opening that encompasses an event to celebrate the new build-

"We're hoping sometime in early March," Zeller said.

As far as a grand opening, without a date established, and work to be done still within the building, solid details are limited and still in the works, but Zeller mentions some tentative plans.

Zeller said "Not sure yet...But there will probably be something... Probably do a soft opening the first weekend, then a grand opening the following weekend."



The construction on The Pub is finished and up to code. Owner Jeff Zeller hopes to open the building in early spring.

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OPINION

# Missouri defies federal gun laws

President Obama presented the nation with the most sweeping gun control policy in a generation on Jan. 16. The proposals stemmed from a month-long review process by Vice President Joe Biden.

Obama's proposal consisted of four main sections: law enforcement, availability of dangerous firearms and ammunition, school safety and mental health. He recommended criminal background checks on gun sales, reinstating the assault weapon ban and many other policy changes. The estimated cost would be around \$500 million.

Shortly after his announcement, the Missouri Legislature sprang into action with HB170, sponsored by Rep. Casey Guernsey (R-Bethany). In essence, the bill makes it illegal to enforce any federal gun laws in Missouri after Jan. 1. Anyone who is charged with violating federal gun laws can request representation from the Missouri attorney general. The Missouri government is coming to the rescue!

Unfortunately for gun-loving Missourians, even if this were to pass and be signed into law, it would never have merit as a law because, as anyone with knowledge of government can tell you, state laws do not trump federal laws.

Unfortunately for residents who are in support of gun control

or do not care one way or the other, we have a state government that is more concerned with emotional responses to President Obama's attempt to take away guns than it is about the state of the state.

Sheriff Charles Heiss (R-Johnson County) is jumping on board with this house bill. The fact that our law enforcement in the state doesn't mind that criminals are allowed to have bigger, more dangerous guns is somewhat troubling as well.

The Missourian staff agrees that there needs to be some type of reform toward gun control within the U.S. President Obama's outlined plans to invest in mental health and background checks for gun sales is a no-brainer that almost anyone can get behind.

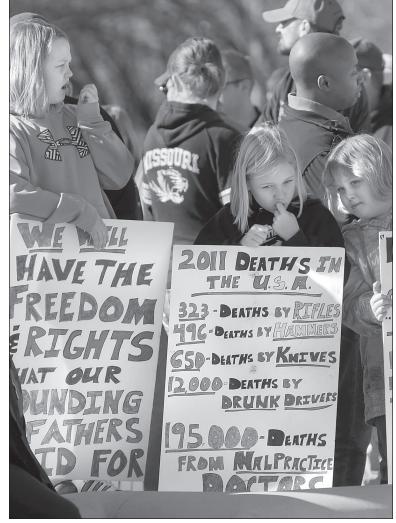
Restricting clip size and banning assault weapons is also fairly tepid compared to possible scenarios the federal government could pursue. The general public doesn't need assault rifles any more than a criminal needs one. Banning the weapons will one day lead to a decreased number of the dangerous guns on the streets, making a safer future for our children.

The argument is split down party lines. Republicans are fighting this because they believe it infringes on their Second Amendment right to bear arms, and Democrats are supporting the gun control measures to ensure there are no more killings of young children. Neither party is wholly correct.

There needs to be efforts on the part of the government to curb violence around the nation. The Affordable Care Act offers mental health funding in conjunction with the new proposals Obama previewed. We need to not only take a look a gun control but also observe the root cause of many heinous crimes committed with guns every day.

We, as citizens of the U.S., have a social contract with the government. We give up a little bit of our personal freedoms for the government to provide us with many resources we take for granted. This includes safety. We rely heavily on police forces, military and government defense agencies in return for restricted access to weapons no civilian should own.

There are other important issues that we should be focused on, but gun control has stolen the spotlight. The Missouri Legislature's attempts to circumvent national laws are a laughable waste of time and resources as we face a time that should be focused on our spending as a state. More emphasis should be put on our education system and economy to ensure Missouri continues to grow.



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From left, friends Ella Sikes, 10, Macey Seabaugh, 9, and Zoe Sikes, 7, from Fredericktown each hold signs they made for a gun rights rally outside the capitol building in Jefferson City on Saturday, Jan. 19.

#### **CAMPUS TALK**

### How do you feel about stricter gun laws in the United States?



"I'm all for stricter gun laws. Allowing teachers to have weapons promotes violence."

Adam McNairy
Junior
Graphic Design



"By creating stricter gun laws you are punishing the citizens that follow the law. There should be background tests before getting a gun."

**Emilee Messer** Sophomore Elementary Education



"Stricter laws is going to promote more illegal activity. There are going to be more illegal firearms for people. They need to take a different approach."

Ivan Hubbard
Senior
Public Relations



"People we want to stop from getting guns are going to find a way to get guns no matter how strict the laws are."

Jeremy Butler Sophomore Psychology/Sociology



"I think they need to be stricter because I do not think everyone should be allowed to own a gun."

> Taylor Scantlebury Sophomore Undecided

## Important issues go unnoticed in gun debate





When people think of mental illness, most think of it as an ailment of the mind, which is mostly accurate. The dictionary definition is "any of the various disorders in which a person's thoughts, emotions or behavior are so abnormal as to cause suffering to himself, herself or other people." But when everyone else focuses on the mind, pay attention to the heart.

Everyone has a heart. Some may be a little more warming and welcoming than others, but it's vital for survival. So many burdens

are placed on the hearts of people around the world, and that's when the heart gets neglected.

Since the Sandy Hook shooting in Connecticut, fingers have been pointed at the National Rifle Association, and the nation's desire for gun control has increased. But before the finger pointing continues, step back and examine your own heart.

The NRA isn't responsible for the Sandy Hook tragedy, and increasing gun control isn't necessarily the only solution, if there even is one. Bullets did pierce bodies and bring about harm, but someone had to make the decision to do so. The real villain isn't a gun or the NRA; the real villain lies within our heart.

Part of President Barack Obama's plan for reducing gun violence is to increase access to mental health services and to raise awareness and understanding about mental health. America desperately needs this; our hearts need this. A healthy heart is an essential part of having a healthy mind. Don't let pride or shame get in the way of seeking out help; a prideful heart is a diseased heart. Seek out what is plaguing your heart and replace it with the attention and love your heart deserves.

Seek out the help and attention your heart craves, whether it be a healthier diet, yoga or something spiritual. Don't let a vital part of your body be tainted. Take care of and love it

## Social media holds people accountable for their words



As more and more people flock to social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, many do not real-

to social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, many do not realize the consequences of the words they type.

With Facebook topping 1 billion users and Twitter at 500 mil-

With Facebook topping 1 billion users and Twitter at 500 million, the ever-growing social media population faces a problem. Never before have we been able to so easily anger entire groups of people with less than 140 characters. One tweet to my 300 Twitter followers or a politically-charged Facebook status for my friends to see could upset a huge group, and I would be at fault for it.

Different events have occurred throughout 2012 that raise questions about what people should and should not post to their personal social media accounts. In a Nov. 18 tweet, Rupert Murdoch,

the CEO of News Corporation, the parent company of Fox News, The Wall Street Journal and Twentieth Century Fox, called out the "Jewish-owned press" that was consistently "anti-Israel." His tweet was sent out to his 372,364 followers, thousands of which retweeted the message to their followers.

The response to his tweet was swift and brutal, with people replying that there are no media outlets that are owned by Jewish families. A day after sending the inflammatory tweet, he apologized, again over Twitter, in a cryptic, confusingly-worded statement.

Another, more extreme case occurred in Great Britain when Lord Alistair McAlpine, the former Tory treasurer to Margaret Thatcher and senior conservative politician, was wrongly accused of being at the center of a sex abuse case. The rumor was spread by the Internet, mainly on Twitter, and was proven false by victims in the incident.

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McAlpine successfully sued

the BBC in a libel claim and has been considering suing many prominent Twitter users who helped spread the rumors. According to his attorneys, the rumors were spread by more than 1,000 libelous tweets and 9,000 retweets. Some of the Twitter users that could be sued were Sally Bercow, wife of the speaker of the House of Commons, comedian Alan Davies and journalist George Monbiot.

While the odds of the common user being slapped with a libel lawsuit are very small, it is still a harsh reminder of what we will face in the future. While we have the freedom to say what we think on social media sites, it is wise to keep others in mind.

Social media is taking over our lives today and who knows where it will be tomorrow, but it is not going away any time soon. Whether it is a rumor that is retweeted or an update on a topic you don't know much about, research it and make sure you know enough to post something intellectual.

# Electoral College reform a necessity for our future



I am proud to live in a republic where my opinion means something, and I translate that opinion into a vote. Unfortunately, not everyone is that determined to vote, and this is where the problem begins.

First, we have to identify what the problem is. Is it because voting only happens on Tuesdays? Is the Electoral College discouraging people from going to the polls? Are voter identification laws making it harder to vote? The answer to these questions is yes, yes and yes.

Federal law mandates that we vote for our national officials on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November. While this might have worked well for the 1845 agrarian society, it does not work so well today. Today people have nine-to-five jobs with soccer practice and dance lessons to go to. The polls get bombarded with people in the morning or night because that is the only time they can make it.

We should move Election Day

to the weekend to make it easier to get to the polls. The Electoral College is outlined in the Constitution and would be much harder to get rid of. There are a lot of things wrong with the Electoral College, but my concern is what it does to a voter's motivation. How motivated is a Democrat living in Arizona, or a Republican living in Massachusetts to go vote for president?

In the recent election, Florida experienced heavy voter turnout because they were a swing state, and every vote counted toward whether the state went to Mitt Romney or President Obama. The national popular vote was actually much closer than the Electoral College.

If we had a national popular vote and people were considering how close the election was on a national scale rather than just in their state, maybe that would be an encouragement. Lastly, voter identification laws that require a state issued photo I.D. are just making it harder for the elderly and poor to vote. There have only been 10 cases of in-person voter fraud in the past decade. Most voter fraud happens through absentee voting, so these laws only provide another hoop for lawabiding citizens to jump through.

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hunting," Matheny said.

"I would say yes (Obama is)

The federal laws for back-

infringing on some rights, and

there's several hunters out there

who use these guns strictly for

ground checks say that nearly 40

percent of all gun sales are made

by private sellers who are exempt

from this requirement. The execu-

tive office urges these private sell-

ers to make background checks a

to limit illegal gun trafficking by

increasing the power of the ATF

agency, Larson said "you would

have to destroy everything to stop

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While the president is trying

#### **GUNS**

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lets a teacher with a valid concealed carry permit to carry a concealed firearm into a higher education institution, elementary, or secondary school without consent of a school official, higher education institution or district school

However, the Council on Public Higher Education in the state of Missouri is in opposition to concealed carry at colleges.

"The 13 member universities of the Council on Public Higher Education in Missouri express unanimous support for maintaining the current laws governing concealed weapons on campuses. COPHE believes local control provisions in the current law serve Missouri's public universities very well and should not be changed," according to the letter the COPHE sent to the

Missouri General Assembly.

HB 70 would also allow a person with a valid concealed carry endorsement or permit to possess his firearm within 25 feet of any election day polling place, any Missouri courthouse, any place that sells liquor and any place of religious worship. The minimum age for a concealed carry permit could also change from 21 to 19 years old with Missouri House of Representatives' HB 92.

The most recent college shooting was at Lone Star College in Houston where three were wounded Jan. 22. The shooting began when an argument between two men became violent.

"I heard about six shots, and kids started rushing down the hallways and a few even came into our class... They were just shouting. I could not hear anything," Lone Star College freshman Amanda Vasquez told CNN.

Ûnlike in Missouri, Texas Sen-

ate approved concealed carry on college campuses in May 2011.

The Office of the Press Secretary issued President Obama's Plan to Protect our Children and our Communities by reducing gun violence on Jan. 16. The plan would require private and public gun sales to have criminal background checks, reinstating the assault weapons ban, which was in effect from 1994 to 2004, and limiting ammunition magazines to 10

"I agree with having background checks because no one should have anything bad in their background if they want a gun. If you ban assault weapons, it will make criminals want it more," junior Dalton Larson said.

Under the president's plan to strengthen the background check system, it says it would "make sure dangerous people are prohibited from having guns; the background check system is designed to keep

guns out of the hands of those forbidden by law to have them."

'We make sure that whoever wants to come in and buy a weapon has a permit [for carrying a weapon] and identification," Matheny said. "This has been in the works ever since [Obama] was elected the first time around, and people thought he was going to ban guns, so they decided to buy up guns and ammunition."

Matheny also said that this is just driving the fear of not being able to get guns that people want. His business makes sure that an accurate background check is completed with the FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

The National Instant Criminal Background Check System aims to save lives and protect people from harm by not letting guns and explosives fall into the wrong hands. It also ensures the timely transfer of firearms to eligible gun buyers,

requirement.

gun trafficking."

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#### **KISKER**

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American Heart Association, they can come up with advances in treating heart disease," Tammy said.

Dale had a history of heart disease; he already had a heart attack in 2007. He also had a family history of heart disease; his father died of a heart attack at the age of 59. In an attempt to reduce his risks, Tammy said he exercised and ate healthily.

The American Heart Association encourages the public to know and be able to recognize the signs of a heart attack or stroke because is valuable in both instances.

The warning signs of a heart attack are discomfort in the center of the chest that can last more than a few minutes or go away and comes back. It can feel like pressure, full $ness\ or\ pain.\ Symptoms\ also\ include$ discomfort or pain in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach and shortness of breath.

The AHA uses the acronym F.A.S.T., which stands for face, arms, speech and time, to help spot strokes. You should be watchful for facial drooping, arm weakness and speech difficulty. You can check these by asking the person to smile, lift one arm or repeat a simple sentence. If one of any of these symptoms is present, it is time to call 911.

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remains the same. In a press release Commissioner of Education Chris Nicastro acknowledged the increase.

'We are pleased to see Missouri's grade inching higher, but we know our state must continue its efforts to make greater strides in providing a quality education ern Missouri high schools, Gov. Jay Nixon outlined his plans to improve education for all Missouri

"From pre-K to college, we must provide our young people with a seamless path to academic access," Nixon said in a press release. "We can do this by investing in early childhood education, making sure that there are enough days in the school year to prepare our students."

Gov. Nixon is also calling for an extension of the school year in order to meet the national average.

"To stay competitive in today's economy, Missouri's students should be in the classroom as much as their peers in other states," Nixon said. "Extending Missouri's school year by just six instructional days will bring our state in line with the national average, while increasing education opportunities for every student."

The Maryville School District is newly aware of the report but did not want to comment at this time without being familiar with

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This ranking, however, does not discourage the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. It is setting its sights high, as the Top 10 by 20 initiative calls for the state to rank in the top 10 in the nation in education by 2020.

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for all students," Nicastro said.

February 8th at 5:00 p.m.

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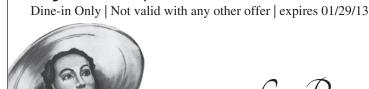
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# Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

An accident occurred between Shane P. Kollitz, 16, Grant City, Mo., and Shannon K. Briggs, 24, Maryville, Mo., at the 800 block of South Buchanan Street.

Jan. 2 Tyler S. Young, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with being wanted on a warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of fraud at the 200 block of East Third

An accident occurred between

Heather Marsh, Maryville, Mo., and an unknown driver at the 1600 block of South Main Street.

Kaitlyn L. Hogarth, 19, Maryville, Mo., was charged with failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 600 block of North Walnut Street.

Jan. 6

An accident occurred between Charlene A. Gast, 17, and Mark D. Hornickel, 33, both of Maryville. Mo., at the 200 block of North Main Street. Steven E. Earl, 48, Maryville, Mo., was charged with assault at the 700 block of North Fillmore Street.

An accident occurred between John L. Spire, 61, Parnell, Mo., and James P. Merrigan, 59, Conception Junction, Mo., at the 100 block of East South

# Blotter from the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department

Brandon W. Fivecoat, 19, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Maryville warrant for failure to appear.

Gregory J. Kearney, 25, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for failure to appear and driving with a revoked/suspended license.

A subject reported fraud at a business in Hopkins, Mo.

A Maryville subject reported a stolen vehicle.

Chad D. King, 29, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for a probation violation.

A Skidmore, Mo., subject reported trespassing at his residence.

Allan D. Morriss, 53, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for theft/ stealing.

Ernestine T. Dickerson, 36, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for forgery and fraudulently attempting to obtain a controlled substance.

A Clearmont, Mo., subject reported someone had driven through a fence in

Lynn M. Manguson, 49, Burlington Junction, Mo., was arrested for selling alcohol to a minor.

Jan. 13

Austin M. Walker, 18, Parkville, Mo., was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance. He was also arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana and unlawful use of drug paraphernalia.

Officers investigated an animal abuse case in Maryville, Mo.

Jennifer L. Barrows, 32, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary and theft/stealing of a controlled substance.

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A Barnard, Mo., subject reported his credit card had been used fraudulently.

Adam F. Draper, 34, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a Nodaway County warrant for burglary and stealing.

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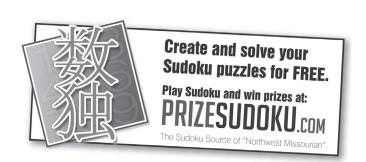
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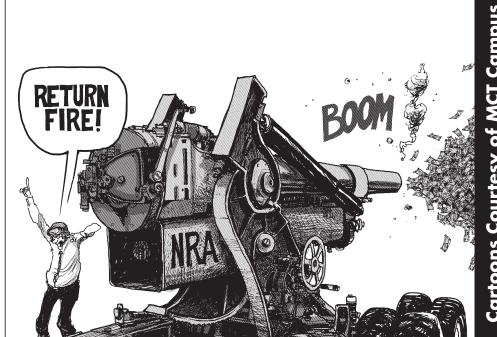
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### **Horoscopes:**

Today's Birthday (01/24/13). The first six months of 2013 are especially creative; set financial goals to take advantage. All this energy is attractive, too. Your social life bounces. Travel and explore. Work really begins to pay off. Build healthy practices to keep you thriving all year.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 9 -- Keep your objective in mind and focus. Distractions could trigger an emotional breakdown. Cooperate with one who has what you lack. You get a secret surprise.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 6 - You're extra brilliant for the next few days. Others may object to a plan, so devise a persuasive argument and dress it glamorously. Get to work and leave celebrations for later.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 6 -- The next phase could be profitable and perfect for traveling, more fun with a partner. Imagine a future goal realized. It's a good time to win debates.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're awesome and extremely creative, even under pressure. And you're getting stronger. Look forward to two days in the spotlight. Dream a special dream.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- If you're going to worry, do it effectively and where you can make a difference. Some of your best work comes from confronting the difficulties and realities of bootstrapping it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 9 -- You're doing a great job with what you have; search for allies anyway. You don't have to go at it alone. Imagine your space reorganized. Love your friends.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 - Practice obedience, and get stronger. Team projects go well. Accept spiritual encouragement, and open the door to a romantic adventure.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Break out of your shell and shatter your next ceiling. Expansion can be sustainable if done with respect for the shared environment. Explore the outdoors.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Now's a good time to pay bills and complete past homework. In the face of controversy, consider another perspective. Use what you've learned to cut costs. Share

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Update your skills and make inroads quietly. You don't have to brag about your accomplishments. Just believe in yourself

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and continue pedaling forward. Keep the

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Somebody very interesting finds you fascinating; stay cool. Don't go shopping for treats yet. Focus on making money for a few days instead. In the meantime,

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is an 8 -- By now you should have done the homework. If you haven't, don't put it off anymore. Move up the ladder with increased confidence. What kind of world do you want? Build bridges and alliances.





#### MATTHEW LEIMKUEHLER

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Grammy season is upon us, and the editors of The Missourian are weighing in on what they believe are the winners of those nominated for this year's various awards. Features Editor Matthew Leimkuehler, Managing Editor Ben Lawson and Editor-in-Chief Trey Williams make their predictions for the 55th edition of the awards below.



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RECORD OF THE YEAR	fun"We Are Young"	The Black Keys - "Lonely Boy"	Gotye -"Somebody That I Used to Know"
ALBUM OF THE YEAR	Jack White -"Blunder- buss"	fun"Some Nights"	Frank Ocean -"Channel Orange"
SONG OF THE YEAR	fun"We Are Young"	fun"We Are Young"	fun"We Are Young"
BEST NEW ARTIST	fun.	fun.	fun.
BEST ROCK ALBUM	Muse -"The 2nd Law"	Jack White -"Blunder- buss"	Jack White -"Blunderbuss"
BEST RAP ALBUM	Nas -"Life Is Good"	Nas -"Life Is Good"	The Roots -"Undun"
BEST POP DUO/GROUP PERFORMANCE	Gotye -"Somebody That I Used to Know"	fun"We Are Young"	Maroon 5 ft Wiz Khalifa- "Payphone"

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**WHAT'S** 

# Your Man has townhome problem

What the hell are they building next to Walmart? Townhomes? What's a townhome, and why does this town need them?

We already have too many homes. You may have missed it, but we're in a gal dern buyer's market, so I'm sure realtors like Shirley's Realty are real happy you introduced a bunch of new properties to compete with their assortment of "structurally secure" options.

How much would I have to spend if I wanted to buy a newly built townhome, bulldoze the shit out of it and build a Denny's up in here? Because Mr. Jimmy John, I'm glad you brought your hoagies to this town, but unless I can pound a grand slam's worth of bacon grease into my arteries served by a pregnant graveyardshift waitress who is one missed cigarette break away from committing something worthy of a "Maury Show" feature, I ain't having none. I'm just a simple man with a simple dream. Someone make it a reality, for God's sake.

I still don't know what a freakin' townhome is. Is it nicer than a villa? How does it compare to a chateau? Would you say it has more or less square footage than a bungalow? Is it seedier than a condo? Manlier than a manor? Can you make all the Greeks move out there please?

Maybe my criticism comes from jealousy. I bet there are plenty of perks that come from living that close to Walmart, including but not limited to, death by virally infected produce, death by China-sourced produce, death by contaminated

water, death by truck exhaust fumes because apparently the north end of the parking lot is a 24/7 semi-truck stop, death by rough, unwanted man-love from road-fatigued truckers (for the same reason) and RedBox.

I guess my main problem with the townhomes is their name. I don't think I could ever tell people that I live in a townhome. What are we, lords and ladies in 17th century London? "Pardon me madam but would you fancy a visit to my townhome for a right bout of intercourse after a spot of tea?" And she'd be like, "Oh my God. Just totes get me another Bud Light."

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

#### **Billboard Hot 100** Songs

- 1. Bruno Mars-"Locked Out of Heaven"
- 2. Macklemore & Ryan Lewis ft. Wanz-"Thrift Shop"
- The Lumineers-"Ho Hey"
   Taylor Swift-"I Knew You
- Were Trouble"
- 5. Rihanna-"Diamonds"

#### **Billboard Top 200**

- 1. Chris Tomlin-"Burning Lights"
- 2. Hollywood Undead-"Notes From the Underground"
- 3. Les Miserables-Soundtrack
- 4. Taylor Swift-"Red"
- 5. Pitch Perfect-Soundtrack

#### In Theaters This Week:

#### "Hansel and Gretel: Which **Hunters**"

(Sci-Fi) Director: Tommy Wirkola Starring: Jeremy Renner, Gemma Arterton

#### "Movie 43"

(Comedy) Director: Steven Brill Starring: Rusty Cundieff, Peter Farrelly

#### "Parker"

(Action) Director: Taylor Hackford Starring: Jason Statham, Jennifer Lopez Starring: Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Jessica Chastain

## The Harbaugh brothers

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sandwiches as JJ's finally

Two coaches from the same womb will face off on opposite sidelines in this season's Super Bowl.

#### Inauguration

President Obama was sworn in for four more years last Monday morn-

## WHAT'S



#### Beyonce '

This pop superstar was caught lip-syncing earlier this week. Big surprise.

#### Manti Te'o

This guy tells some killer stories.

#### Winter

It's just too damn cold this

# Paramore release comeback single



"There's a time and a place to die, but this ain't it," words belted by Paramore singer Hayley Williams during the band's brand new single, "Now." "Now" is the band's first album release since parting ways with drummer Josh Farro and guitarist Zac Farro in late 2010.

A tremendous amount of speculation circled the band after the departure of the Farro brothers, including whether or not the band could deliver on the stage or in the studio without the core of its outfit-and with the release of "Now," it appears they most certainly can. "Now" is a track that shows diversity and progression from a group best known for producing pop-rock

This particular track has more of an edge to it, while still containing one of the best hooks delivered from a rock band in the last few years (coming only second to Grammynominated fun. with the monster single "We Are Young). The entire song shows an underlying theme, lyrically, that can be directly related to the band's absence from the scene. Williams spouts in the first verse, "It feels like I'm waken from the dead and everyone's been waiting on me. At least I'll never have to wonder what it's like to sleep a year away." She continues this message in the pre-chorus with lines such as, "Bringing my sinking ship back to the shore."

Many critics point a shaking finger at Paramore, comparing them to female-led juggernaut No Doubt; however, "Now" shows that the bands have many differences musically. "Now" is far more aggressive then any track No Doubt would release in a top 40 market,



presence of lyrical and vocal creativity then Gwen Stefani has in her entire career. If one must compare Paramore's latest release to any other female-fronted rock band, he should look toward the Yeah Yeah Yeah's, if anything at all. Overall, it is a unique and career-changing track that sets the stage high for

April's self-titled release. Check

back in the April 21 edition of The Missourian for a review on the full



**Artist: Paramore** Album: Paramore Song: Now Release: 1.22.13 Record Label: Fueled By Ramen

## Kevin Bacon comes to TV in electrifying, fresh, criminal drama on the Fox Network



Kevin Bacon has his first starring role on the small screen in FOX's dark, criminal drama "The Following."

Bacon plays an alcoholic, former FBI agent who was forced to leave on disability after taking a knife to the chest. Bacon's character, Ryan Hardy,

is known for taking down fanatic serial killer, Joe Carroll, played by James Purefoy (A Knight's Tale) Carroll was a college profes-

sor with an obsession with Edgar Allan Poe and used Poe's works in his murders. Carroll is eventually caught by

Hardy and is sentenced to death row, but while there he is able to recruit followers on the Internet to carry out his plans.

The first 45 minutes of "The Following" was pretty predictable as far as the twist, but the final 15 minutes are worth sticking around to watch.

The best way to describe "The Following" would be a mixture of the movie "Law-Abiding Citizen" and Showtime's "Homeland." It has the mastermind-behind-bars

criminal aspect and has the connection-with-the-villain aspect like Homeland.

"The Following" has a plot for Showtime, but has limitations because they are FOX. It are pushing the envelope as far as FOX with allow it. The first episode has knives in eyes and a gruesome collection of dead and tortured animals.

Purefov's obsession with is worn out and predictable. Obviously Poe was one of the creators and influences on modern horror novels, but the whole concept that a killer would base his actions on that makes it too vanilla.

With that said, "The Following" has a chance to be really good if it is able to keep the uber-dark tone. The writers are going to be crucial in the development, and hopefully they do not rely on the gore to receive ratings.

Even if the show does go down in flames, it will still make Seven Degrees of Kevin Bacon easier.



Show: "The Following" Stars: Kevin Bacon, James Purefoy Air date: Mon. @ 7 p.m. **Network: FOX** 

## Free Energy repeats with sophomore release





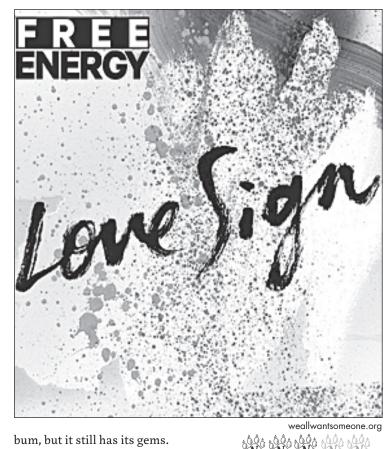
The '70s are long gone, but apparently nobody told indie rockers Free Energy.

On their sophomore effort, "Love Sign," Free Energy could more easily be compared to Thin Lizzy than any of their contemporaries, and for these guys, that's a very good thing.

With the industry filled with electronic music super-busy that's catered to our ADD society, it's refreshing to hear an album that reminds people rock and roll is not as far gone as it is seems. You won't find any synthesizers on this disc. "Love Sign" is all distorted guitars, cowbell and Paul Spranger's catchy vocals.

That's not to say this is a dull or slow album. Tracks like "Electric Fever" and "Girls Want Rock" start the album with poppy vigor, and "Street Survivor" begs to be blasted from your car speakers and sung off-key to your steering wheel.

"Love Sign" is more or less a recreation of Free Energy's 2010 release "Stuck on Nothing," which makes it lose some points in the creativity category. But sometimes if it's not broke, don't fix it. Sure, there aren't as many incredibly memorable songs on this al-



This is their first record put out on their own label, Free Energy Records. The group decided to split with their former label, DFA Records, after their first release.

If anything, "Love Sign" proves that Free Energy can keep the good music pumping and classic rock alive.



**Artist: Free Energy** Album: "Love Sign" Release date: Jan. 15, 2013 **Prod. Company: Free Energy** Records



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#### **MANAGER**

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them to McDonald's and grabbed food for them," Lincoln said. "I've slept overnight because the uniforms didn't get washed. When we had the conference tournament last year I'd wake up at 5 a.m. and drive to a laundromat to get everything done. Just basically being on call

24-7." Senior guard DeShaun Cooper joined the 'Cats at the same time as McCollum and Lincoln and has seen first-hand Lincoln's hard work

"He helps me out all the time," Cooper said. "He's the person you can count on to get you into the gym, and he's ready to go.

"Once you start out small and get to the larger things like dealing with film and things like that, you can see his role expand. You can see that hard work actually paying off."

"I don't know where he gets it. Everybody has their own story, and he came with a work ethic. He knows what it takes to get what he

Being a student manager is not

done for fame or money. A majority of managers have coaching aspirations after graduation, and there are few better places to learn than on the sidelines.

"He, in particular, is a worker," McCollum said. "He will go out in the summer and work at 10 to 12 camps all over the country. He's watched a lot of basketball, and he's seen a lot of practices and he'll ask a lot of questions. You can learn a lot by just being around."

In the middle of a MIAA title defense, McCollum has offenses to prep for, practices to run and players to coach, but he has less things to worry about because of people like Lincoln.

They are kind of the backbone of what you do because they make your life a lot easier," McCollum said. "Just getting this set up and getting things done. Just things I don't have to worry about, ever.

'I don't ever feel bad asking him to do anything. He wants to do everything. The guys that make it in life and in coaching are the guys that are never too good for a job, and that's his philosophy. Whatever job needs to be done, he'll do it and enjoy doing it."

#### TE'O

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And when did this become an elaborate publicity stunt?

I believe the lies started well before Lennay Kekua was said to have died on Sep. 11.

When asked in his first sitdown interview with ESPN's Jeremy Schaap why he didn't visit his "girlfriend" Lennay Kekua, Te'o responded with an underwhelming

"It never really crossed my mind. I don't know. I was in

school. But there was no school at Notre Dame, for instance, May 4-14, less than a week after Kekua's supposed car accident which revealed the fictitious girl had leukemia and eight months after the two had been "dating".

And Te'o was only two hours away from the Chicago Airport.

The star linebacker, who received the most awards in college football history, either didn't care a whole lot about his made-up mistress or knew he would be visiting an empty hospital bed.

Trivial pieces of information such as that raise a lot of questions to Te'o's innocence in this perplexing scandal. Even fellow Fighting Irish football players had their sus-

When Deadspin initially broke the story, several teammates came forward and expressed their doubts anonymously.

In an interview with sports reporter Jackie Pepper, the nameless source said he thought Te'o kept the story going because of the media attention following Notre Dame's victory over Michigan State.

He and other teammates recognized what they believe to be the true nature behind the Kekua story - a publicity stunt used to fuel Manti Te'o's Heisman campaign and national publicity.

Te'o said he spoke to Ronaiah Tuiasosopo, the man behind the Kekua hoax, following the USC game Nov. 24.

Yet Manti continued to talk about Kekua as an inspirational source. He told ESPN's Chris Fowler prior to the Heisman ceremony that the support he received from his "girlfriend passing away" was a special moment he'd never

Later he referenced cancer as something he "didn't like, because it took both of his grandparents and his girlfriend," according to CBS sports.

This was on Dec. 8, well after the point Te'o knew it was all just a game at his expense. Yet he continued to run with it, talk about it. Fabricate it.

Te'o sought validation and sympathy from the media and sports fans over the death of an imaginary girlfriend. What began as a joke on him turned into a tragic ploy to garner attention from the media.

The most heartbreaking and inspirational story of the college football season is nothing but a tailored lie told by a man we came to respect and root for throughout the college football season.



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Sophomore guard Tyler Funk pulls up for a contested jump shot against York College on Dec. 1. The Bearcats defeated the Panthers 80-69 at Bearcat Arena.

#### **MIAA**

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shooters or get layups inside and soften up the defense."

Junior forward Dillon Starzl led the way for Northwest offensively, scoring 16 points to go along with his team-high six rebounds.

"I just think he came in inshape this year," McCollum said. "He had a great summer and really worked at it and conditioned. Also, he is the best we have at scoring inside, so we make an emphasis to go inside to him."

Senior guard Alex Sullivan scored 12 points off the bench by going 4-for-8 from behind the arc along with pulling down five boards.

As a team, the Bearcats took care of the ball well, committing just nine turnovers while compiling 19 assists.

We kept it simple," McCollum said. "We made simple plays, simple passes and didn't force action."

Tonight the 'Cats travel to Warrensburg to battle with the Central Missouri (12-3, 6-1 MIAA) for what could decide the MIAA regular-season title.

"With them you just have to handle the physicality because it's going to be a strong and physical game," McCollum said. "I think you have to increase your possesions by beating them on the boards and taking care of the basketball. We have to continue to do what we do:

take care of the basketball and go inside-out.

McCollum has never won against the Mules on their home court in his four-year tenure as head coach.

"I don't think it would mean any more than winning anywhere else," McCollum said. "We won at Missouri Southern, Central Oklahoma and Southwest Baptist, and we've never won there before, so if anything it just gives the kids a little more motivation going into the game. For me, it doesn't do a whole lot because I want to win ev-

The 'Cats take the court at 3 p.m. on Saturday the Central Missouri campus at the Multipurpose

## NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo	12-3	6-1
NORTHWEST	12-4	5-2
Pitt. State	12-4	5-3
Northeastern St	12-4	5-3
Lindenwood	11-4	4-3
Fort Hays	10-5	4-3
Mo. Southern	9-6	4-3
Central Oklahoma	6-10	4-4
Washburn	10-4	3-3
Southwest Baptist	5-10	3-4
Mo. Western	7-9	3-5
Truman	6-10	3-5
Emporia State	7-7	2-4
Nebraska-Kearney	5-11	2-6
Lincoln (Mo.)	3-15	2-6

January 24:

Fort Hays at Lindenwood Washburn at Lincoln

Nebraska-Kearney at Truman

January 26:

NORTHWEST at Central Mo. Central Oklahoma at Emporia State

### MHS BOY'S BASKETBALL

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Lafayette	14-3	1-0
Cameron	8-5	1-0
Smithville	10-4	1-0
MARYVILLE	11-3	2-1
Chillicothe	5-9	1-1
Benton	5-14	2-2
Bishop LeBlond	5-6	0-1
Savannah	5-11	0-3

#### January 24:

Savannah at Fox

January 29:

MARYVILLE at Bishop LeBlond Benton at Cameron

## NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALI

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Truman	13-3	6-2
Pitt. State	12-4	6-2
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Emporia State	8-6	3-3
Fort Hays	11-4	3-4
Lincoln (Mo.)		3-5
Southwest Baptist	7-9	2-6
Nebraska-Kearney	5-10	2-6
Lindenwoodt		1-6
Central Oklahoma	8-8	1-7

January 24:

Fort Hays at Lindenwood Washburn at Lincoln Nebraska-Kearney at Truman

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#### MHS GIRL'S BASKETBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
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Benton	11-4	1-0
Lafayette	12-3	2-0
LeBlond	11-3	2-0
Cameron	9-4	2-0
Savannah	5-7	1-1
Smithville	10-3	0-1
Chillicothe	6-11	0-1
MARYVILLE	5-12	0-5

#### January 24:

Pembroke Hill at Smithville

January 25: East Buchanon at MARYVILLE





# Baker still undecided on school

**DALTON VITT** 

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One of the biggest Maryville football prospects of the last several years still has yet to make a decision on what uniform he will wear next season.

Senior quarterback Jonathan Baker, who shattered nearly every Spoofhound passing record in two seasons at the helm of the offense, has his shortlist narrowed to three Division II schools.

William Jewell, Washburn and Northwest are the three programs still courting the young gunslinger.

Baker said he hopes to make his choice within the next week but wants to avoid any mistakes with too early of a decision.

"I'd like to tell you right now that it will be by this weekend, but my signing day isn't for a while, so I have a little bit of time," Baker said. "I'm taking a visit to Northwest this week and then hoping to maybe close out a visit with Washburn at the end of the week. Then I'll have all the factors, and I can sit down with my parents and discuss pros and cons of each and really come down to a decision. So, hopefully, very soon."

Baker said some of the biggest factors in selecting his place of residency for the next four years include the campus lifestyle and the feel of the dorms. He will major in broadcasting and added that each school's curriculum offered in that area will be taken into consideration.

But, with no surprise, the key to landing the humble quarterback will be the draw of the potential coaching staff and teammates.

"The biggest thing is, if you're gonna go for a sport, the coaches and the players," Baker said. "Do you like what they're doing at that school? That sort of thing. That's a big part of it."

Baker said several people in the Maryville community have been in his ear the past couple of months about playing for his hometown school, Northwest.

"It's kind of neat to see the amount of people that do come to talk to me about that," Baker said.

"Just going through town and stuff they'll stop and ask me where I've decided, so that's kind of the cool part of it.

"The big one I'm focusing on listening to is (Maryville head coach) Matt Webb and my parents. We're definitely trying to pray about things and see where the Lord's taking me in all this and what the right fit will be next year."

However, one of these freelance recruiters may have even more of a guiding voice than others.

Bearcat junior quarterback Trevor Adams, whom Baker described as a 'good friend,' had been in contact with Baker earlier in the year, although not necessarily about the recruiting process, Baker said.

"He'll make comments here and there about Northwest and how it's the place to go," Baker said. "I haven't really talked to him lately, but I do plan on getting in touch with him here in the next week or so ... I've gotten to know him through my workouts, and he's been a big

help for me on a football side of

FILE PHOTO | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior quarterback Jonathan Baker tries to drag two John Burroughs defenders into the end zone during the Class 3 State Championship Nov. 23.

# Girls fall to Lafayette for 5th straight

**CRAIG SIMS** 

Chief Sports Reporter | @TheCowboyCraig

The Maryville girl's basketball team is suffering its longest losing streak of the season.

The Spoofhounds have now lost five games in a row following Tuesday's conference loss to Lafayette High School.

The 'Hounds were down 23to-19 heading into the third quarter when the Fighting Irish caught fire from beyond the arc.

Lafayette guards Brooke and Shay Ward made a combined five three-pointers in the third quarter, helping the Irish score 21 points in the frame to take a 44-30 lead heading into the fourth.

Maryville was unable to mount a comeback, falling to Lafayette 58-36.

Head coach Grant Hageman said he wants to see his team put together more of a complete game.

"Tonight, I think things got a little tough for us, and so we kinda started to lick our wounds," Hageman said. "You just can't do that against a team like Lafayette. They

beat Notre Dame De Sion by one. "I thought it was a very winna-



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN Junior Chelsea Byland cuts in for a steal during Tuesday's fall to Lafayette.

ble ball game. I think some of the girls just gotta fight through this and be mentally tough."

Junior point guard Chelsea By-

land finished with 14 points to lead the Spoofhounds.

Byland would be the only 'Hound to score in double digits with senior forward Chelsey Mc-Michael adding six points.

With the loss, the 'Hounds (5-12, 0-4 MEC) are still winless in conference action.

The 'Hounds' season continues when they play East Buchanan at 5:00 p.m. Friday at home.

East Buchanan enters the game with a record of 6-9 and a 1-1 conference record.

Hageman said that the game will come down to the Spoofhounds' passing.

"We have to pass the ball well and limit our turnovers," Hageman said. "It's a team that isn't gonna be as tall as some of the teams we've seen. This is gonna be the first team that isn't a Class 3 or 4 team we've seen in a while. They're still a very good team, but as long as we come out with some mental toughness and expect to win Friday, then we can have some success."

After East Buchanan, Maryville takes on Lathrop High School at 5:00 p.m. Monday.

## **Boys advance in Cameron** tournament to 2nd round

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A clutch three-pointer with 20 seconds left in regulation by senior guard Treyton Burch sent the Spoofhounds into overtime and into the second round of the Cameron tournament.

Down nine points with three minutes remaining, the 'Hounds put on full-court pressure to close the gap and set up Burch's shot from behind the arc.

'That was a big shot for him," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We also hit a lot of clutch free throws and hit a couple other shots during that stretch. It was really huge to get into overtime where we prevailed."

Senior guard Jonathan Baker led the way for Maryville in its 53-52 victory with 18 points against Bishop LeBlond.

Senior forward Tyler Kenkel was the only other 'Hound in double digits with 11 points.

The whole team, at times, needed some improvement," Kuwitzky said. "We didn't execute the

offense as well as we needed to, and I thought that later in the game that we concentrated more on running the offense and had a sense of urgency."

Up next for the Spoofhounds is the host tournament team Cameron (8-5, 1-0 MEC).

"They are very good and are very good every year," Kuwitzky said. "They have two really good players, and we are really going to have to fight through the screens they set. They set hard screens and lots of them for Luke Hunter and Carter Morrison, their really good

The 14-3 'Hounds are nearing the end of their regular season and are using the experience from regular season tournaments to their advantage as they eye district play.

"I think it's a good experience, and I think that it will be a really good atmosphere Thursday night," Kuwitzky said. "I think it gives you the nature of what it's going to be like in districts."

Maryville tips off against Cameron at 7 p.m. on Thursday at Cameron High School.

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#### **Dillon Starzl**



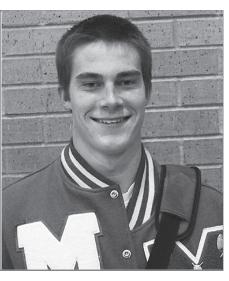
Junior forward Dillon Starzl scored a game-high 16 points and grabbed six rebounds in Tuesday's 70-51 win over Southwest Baptist. Starzl also recorded one block and one steal.

## **Ashleigh Nelson**



Sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson scored 18 points and went 3-of-5 from the three-point line in Tuesday's 76-74 loss to Southwest Baptist. Nelson had four assists in the loss.

#### **Jonathan Baker**



Senior guard Jonathan Baker carried Maryville to a 53-52 victory over Bishop LeBlond with 18 points Tuesday night to advance to the second round of the Cameron tournament.

## **Chelsea Byland**



Junior point guard Chelsea Byland led the Spoofhounds with 14 points in Tuesday's 58-36 loss to Lafayette. Maryville looks to break their 5-game losing streak Monday at Cameron.

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## Intramural basketball on the horizon for students

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Developed amongst colleges as a way to keep students active and social, intramural sports at Northwest continue to bring in students by the

Each year around this time, Facilities Director Bob Lade and the rest of his staff begin preparing for perhaps the most student-involved sport Northwest has to offer: bas-

Last year alone, basketball brought in 50 registered teams and 438 total participants.

This year Lade expects those numbers to be even bigger; he is preparing for around 64-68 registered teams and even more players.

In a media-saturated world of Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites that can encompass a student's time, Lade said basketball's popularity can remain stable.

"I think it's so popular because, number one, a lot of people played basketball, both male and female, in high school," Lade said. "They've been exposed to it."

Lade said that basketball has the most teams of any intramural sport offered at Northwest and is second in the highest amount of participants next to flag football.

There are four divisions: fraternity, sorority, men's and women's. Each team will play one night a week for five weeks.

Games start Jan. 28 and run through February.

# Women drop MIAA road game

Chief Sports Reporter | @joetony325

Northwest women's basketball was unable to overcome a nine-point deficit at the half, falling to MIAA foe Southwest Baptist 76-74 in Bolivar Tuesday

The 76 points allowed is tied for the most the Bearcats (10-6, 4-4 MIAA) have given up this sea-

"Our rotations were slow, and every mistake we made, of course they made their shots, but they made us pay for everyone of those mistakes," head coach Mark Kellogg said. "Overall, I was disappointed in the defensive effort we put forth tonight."

Southwest Baptist (7-9, 2-6 MIAA) shot 50 percent from behind the arc and 56 percent from the field on 30-of-53 shooting.

Southwest Baptist dominated in the low block behind 23 points from senior forward Chasity Prince and 17 points from junior forward Jacqui Zelenka.

Senior forward Alexis Boeh recorded a season-high 12 points, contributing off the bench. Boeh was one of four 'Cats in double figures on the night.

"We needed her, and she got it going offensively," Kellogg said. "We really like her defensively. She's a good player and stepped

Northwest was forced to play the entire second half without freshman guard Tember Schechinger, who suffered an injury late in the first frame. Schechinger is averaging 9.4 points this season.

Sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson finished with 18 points, junior guard Monique Stevens tallied 15 points and sophomore forward Annie Mathews, who is averaging near a double-double per game, scored 10 points.

The Bearcats will travel to Warrensburg to take on Central Missouri at 1:30 Saturday.

The Jennies claim the top scoring offense in the MIAA, averaging 76.7 points per game, led by junior guard BreAnna Lewis, who averages 16.4 points a con-

"We need to play better early and find ways to win down the



LAUREN RICHARDSON I NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore guard Ashleigh Nelson goes for a layup against a Lincoln defender on Jan. 16 at Bearcat Arena. The 'Cats won 77-60.

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stretch," Kellogg said. "It's all about defense though. (Central Missouri) can score, so we need to step up defensively.

"It comes down to taking advantage of every opportunity we get and getting all five players on the court on the same page."

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## Track teams hit stride as season winds down **DALTON VITT** Senior Tyler Shaw and junior

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The Northwest track team continued its prowess in the pole vault last weekend with two athletes finishing near the top of the pack.

Senior Will Haer grabbed first place at the Iowa State Open in Ames, Iowa with a 15-11.25 meter vault, which matched his seasonbest mark from the Holiday Inn Invitational Jan. 11-12.

Senior Megan Elder accompanied Haer on the women's side, finishing second with a vault of 10-

"We've just got some good people in there," head coach Scott Lorek said. "Will has been a good vaulter for a long time. His confidence has really come through, so he can do what he's capable of, and it's the same thing for Megan Elder. She came here as a transfer and is really putting things together.

"They're both just being really good competitors, and that's been the best thing for them."

Travis Manning both hit provisional marks in the 60-meter hurdles.

Shaw finished third with an 8:08 finish while Manning fell in just behind him at fourth with an 8:09.

"I'm very pleased with them," Lorek said. "I think the most valuable thing about those guys is that we're able to pick up where we left off after a long layoff. Sometimes you gotta come back and relearn stuff a little bit, but they don't have that issue." The Bearcats will compete in

two separate meets this weekend, the Dutch Athletics Classic in Pella, Iowa Friday and Saturday and the Concordia Classic in Seward, Neb.

The decathlon and pentathlon teams will head to the Dutch Athletics Classic while the entire team will travel to the Concordia Classic.

"In Concordia, we've got a lot going on," Lorek said. "We had a great weekend with our 5,000-meter runners last weekend, and we're just really trying to build and continue





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## Men's basketball looks to grab control of regular-season MIAA title in Warrensburg

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ere finishing last in the league,

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Northwest trailed for 35 seconds against Southwest Baptist Tuesday night, but grabbed the lead at the 18:15 mark and did not look back for their 13th win of the sea-

The Bearcats found themselves down 2-0 in the early minutes of the game after a dunk by Southwest guard Jayon'e Troutman, but answered quickly with a three pointer by senior guard DeAngelo Hailey.

The 'Cats used their inside-outside game to pick apart the 5-win Southwest team, shooting 44 percent from behind the arc and scoring 26 out of their 70 points in the paint.

Senior Joel Lincoln has been

the manager of the men's basket-

Northwest took a 36-24 lead into half and extended it throughout the second half to win 70-51

"Offensively, I thought we kept it simple," McCollum said. "We went inside-out, and when we do that is when we are at our best.

"Anytime you can go and get the ball in the paint and it comes out from the paint to shooters, it increases the shooting percentage 15-20 percent. Our objective is to get it inside, so we can kick it out to our

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court, although you may not think

twice about it.

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Junior forward Dillon Starzl looks up for an opportunity to shoot on Dec. 21 against York College. The Bearcats won 80-69.



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN Head Coach Jason Sack, Jesse Craddock, Chaz Johnson, and Caity Strohm celebrate their national championship Monday at the welcome back ceremony.

## Cheerleaders win back-to-back titles

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The word dynasty has been thrown around, and rightfully so, as the Northwest cheerleading squad has won another national championship.

It is the Bearcats' second consecutive Universal Cheerleaders Association Division II National Championship and their third in the

past four years. This year's championship may be the most valued of the three, as seven of the 16 cheerleaders will be graduating, head coach Jason Sack said.

"It is more meaningful for the kids because we have a lot of kids that are getting ready to graduate. and several of them were a part of the 2010 (team that won the nation-

al championship)," Sack said. "They stuck around for all the championships and fought through a lot of injuries we had this year, so it was really an emotional roller coaster for them.

The finals took place Saturday evening in Walt Disney World Resort, and was the third time six members of the squad were able to hoist the first-place trophy.

Chaz Johnson, Jessie Craddock, John Tye, Brittney Bott, Randi Myers and Ross Davis all were a part of the 2010 team that initially brought

the championship to Maryville. The staple to the vsquads' success has been a constant work ethic and fresh material, Sack said.

"It's been the consistency of the way we run our program and the drive of the kids wanting to be better and always wanting to do better,"

Sack said. "We always come up with something new and something different than what everybody's doing. They don't ever settle."

The Steppers also joined in on the success, finishing fourth place in the open hip-hop division. This is a vast improvement from the dance team's 12th-place finish a year ago.

The future looks bright for the Steppers, who will lose only one member to graduation.

"There's going to be a lot of drive from the younger kids to continue that success," Sack said. 'We're definitely going to be pushing forward and establish the work ethic we need for next year."

The cheerleading team, despite losing nearly half its squad, is already preparing to defend its title.

'Some people call it rebuilding," Sack said. "I call it reloading."

# Luck finally runs out on Te'o story

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Manti Te'o has spoken, sparking even more confounding questions than irrefutable answers.

Many speculations have been made amid this bizarre story involving the star linebacker and Heisman runner-up from Notre Dame. Different theories have been formulated on each side of the argument.

Deceiver, storyteller, victim' whatever you want to call him, Te'o is much less than an innocent target. He is at fault, regardless of the situation.

There are not enough facts proving Manti Te'o a far-reaching liar, but there are enough contradictions verifying Te'o fabricated (or as he put it, "tailored") enough of the story to condemn him.

Perhaps, in the near beginning of this hoax, he was duped and fell prey to a swindling online prank.

But how long did it take him to figure it out? When did the lies